**Bidding Prayers ~ Sunday 1st December 2024 ~ First Sunday of Advent.**

**Father** Almighty God, on this Advent Sunday, let us be reminded, and give thanks, for the coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Reader We pray for Pope Francis, his bishops, priests, deacons and all who follow the religious life, that the Season of Advent will bring about renewed hope, as they seek to live more fully for God.

 ***Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.***

Reader Loving God, we dedicate to you, all our Advent Activities within the parish, and pray for all those who will attend. Let it be that through prayer, praise and music, we may all make good our preparations for a Holy Christmas.

 ***Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.***

Reader We pray for our world, that all people will seek equal justice for everyone, working towards an end of discrimination of any kind.

 ***Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.***

Reader We pray for those who are sick or housebound, that they may be comforted by their families and those caring for them.

 ***Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.***

Reader We pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn them.

Eternal rest give unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen.

 ***Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.***

Reader We pray to our Mother Mary for renewed hope at the beginning of Advent, as we say “Hail Mary full of grace . . .”

Reader Let us all now pray in silence for our own intentions.

 ***Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.***

**Father** Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, and a sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together, this Advent. As we prepare for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your Son, giving us the grace and strength we need each and every day. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.